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## **Dennis J. Taitano**



### **Deputy Assistant Secretary (Financial Operations) Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Financial Management and Comptroller)**

Mr. Taitano assumed his current position in August 2009. As Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Financial Operations, he is responsible for Department of Navy (DON) accounting and financial management matters, with prime responsibilities for developing, approving, and implementing policies, plans, processes and systems for the DON. He is also responsible for the administration and oversight of the DON's Financial Improvement Program which focuses on strengthening internal controls over business and financial systems and processes leading to the effective and efficient use of DON resources. He has financial oversight for over \$170 billion in annual budget authority and approximately 827,000 military and civilian personnel.

Mr. Taitano was appointed to the Senior Executive Service (SES) in May 2001. He has over 28 years of Federal service.

From May 2001 to August 2009, Mr. Taitano served as the Director, Office of Budget and Finance, for the Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA). As Director, he was FSA's top budget and finance authority responsible for all financial management policies, programs, operations and systems of FSA and the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC). Mr. Taitano was the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and Budget Officer for FSA, CFO for the USDA Foreign Agricultural Service and Controller for the CCC. He oversaw \$30 billion in borrowing authority for CCC-financed programs, a multi-billion-dollar budget for FSA discretionary programs, and a domestic and international credit program portfolio of \$26 billion.

From January 2009 to August 2009, Mr. Taitano served as Acting FSA Administrator and Associate Administrator for Operations and Management during the administration's transition. FSA programs are designed to help American producers manage their business risks and improve the stability and strength of the domestic agricultural economy.

Prior to 2001, Mr. Taitano served in a variety of financial management positions in the DON from 1982 to 2001. He held various Comptroller, Budget Officer and analyst positions for the Naval Sea Systems Command, Naval Ordnance Center, Naval Air Systems Command, and the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command. In these positions, he was responsible for the financial and budgetary administration, programming and execution of assigned investment, operating, and working capital financed appropriation programs. He was responsible for budgets ranging from \$720 million to \$4.1 billion annually, personnel ranging from 2,500 to 49,000, and assets valued up to \$40 billion.

From 1999 to 2000, Mr. Taitano served as Special Advisor for the Defense Reform Initiative Office in the Office of the Secretary of Defense and was responsible for monitoring the development and implementation of DOD financial management reform initiatives.

Mr. Taitano holds a master's degree in public financial management from the American University in Washington, D.C., and a bachelor's degree in business management and economics from the University of Maryland in College Park. He is a 1999 graduate of USDA's SES Candidate Development Program.

Mr. Taitano received the 2009 Presidential Rank Award of Meritorious Executive. He has received numerous USDA and DON performance awards, including two DON Meritorious Civilian Service Medals. He maintains professional memberships with the Senior Executives Association, American Society of Military Comptrollers, Association of Government Accountants, and the American Association of Budget and Program Analysis.